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Placer County Treasurer-Tax Collector Jenine Windeshausen is reminding property owners that they have until Monday, April 12th, at 5 p.m. to make the second installment of their annual property taxes for the 2003-2004 year, due to the April 10th deadline falling on Saturday this year. This deadline should not be confused with the Income Tax deadline that is three days later.

Payments sent by mail must be postmarked no later than April 12th, 2004. Hand delivered payments must be in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. on April 12th.

Pursuant to State law, late property tax payments are subject to an immediate 10% penalty and \$10.00 cost.

Windeshausen noted that the automated phone system is available 24 hours a day to assist taxpayers. Anyone with a checking account may pay by virtual check over the Internet at www.placer.ca.gov/tax. Payments may also be made in person at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, 2976 Richardson Drive, Auburn, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., holidays excepted. For added convenience a drive-up deposit box in the front of the building as well as one in the lobby of her office are also available. Payments must be deposited in the drop boxes by 5 p.m. on the 12th. Callers may obtain property tax information by using the automated phone system, 24 hours a day, by calling 530/889-4120. Taxpayers who have questions about their bill may also contact the Tax Collector's office by dialing the same number, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.